

GETHSEMANE

BIBLE-PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

"Not my will, but Thine, be done" – Luke 22:42

A WORD ON WORSHIP

Worship is a time when the LORD's redeemed gather together to glorify and exalt Him with their hearts and voices. "Oh that men would praise the LORD for his goodness, and for his wonderful works to the children of men! Let them exalt him also in the congregation of the people, and praise him in the assembly of the elders" (Psalm 107:31-32).

SCRIPTURE MEMORISATION

Dominion of God

Psalm 145:13

Thy kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and thy dominion endureth throughout all generations.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Call to Worship

Elder Alan Choy

*Hymn 31: Blessed Be the Name

*Invocation & Gloria Patri

*Responsive Scripture Reading

John 17:9-26

Hymn 405: Have I Done My Best for Jesus?

Collection of Offerings

*Doxology & Prayer

Hymn 38: As Pants the Hart for Cooling Streams

Scripture Memorisation

*Pastoral Prayer

Sermon

Pastor Prabhudas Koshy

"How Should We Think of Christians?"

Jude 1, 2

Holy Communion

Hymn 195: O Love Divine!

*Hymn 196: Blessed Redeemer

*Benediction & Threefold Amen

**Congregation Standing*



LORD'S DAY WORSHIP AT 11.00AM

TODAY, 5 JANUARY 2020

NEXT LORD'S DAY, 12 JANUARY 2020

<p>Worship Leader: Elder Alan Choy Preacher: Pastor Prabhudas Koshy Musicians: Ellyzabeth, Dorcas Koshy Ushers: Dn Low Boon Siang Juffrey Balicao, Julius Del Rosario Lijoy George, Randy Laurencio Greeter: Aileen Tan AV Ministry: Aidan Kang, Jonathon Lim Rowell Gabriel Flowers: Chua Beng Hwee Refreshments: Lena Chan, Mary Ong Rachel Teo, Edeliza Ballega Junior Worship: Sarah Yong, (Amoz Choy) Pawa Mong Jee, (Sarah Lee) Arvind Pawa</p>	<p>Worship Leader: Elder Ng Poh Kok Preacher: Pastor Prabhudas Koshy Musicians: Choong Kai Shuin, Sarah Lee Ushers: Gerry Lee Ng Kwan Teng, Edward Wong Jason Low, Timotheus Liu Greeter: Eunice Wong AV Ministry: Aron Ong, Gideon Lee Jumar Balicao, Tan Yeh Wen Flowers: Genevieve Cheah Refreshments: Stella Tan, Khoo May Ping Judy Chan, Eunice Wong Junior Worship: Evelyne Lee, (Eunice Setiawan) Aileen Yan, (Trang Thanh) Pr Kelvin Lim</p>
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Chinese Worship Service is held concurrently at 11.00am at the foyer area.

OTHER SUNDAY MINISTRIES

TODAY, 5 JANUARY 2020

NEXT LORD'S DAY, 12 JANUARY 2020

2.00pm	FILIPINO FELLOWSHIP <i>Preacher: Pr Samson Hutagalung</i>	FILIPINO FELLOWSHIP <i>Preacher: Pastor Prabhudas Koshy</i>
	MALAYALAM FELLOWSHIP	MALAYALAM FELLOWSHIP
	CATECHISM CLASS (On Break)	CATECHISM CLASS (On Break)
	YOUTH CHOIR PRACTICE	YOUTH CHOIR PRACTICE
3.30pm	<p style="text-align: center;">Venue: 487 Bedok South Ave 2</p> <p>English Speaker: Elder Francis Lee Dialect Speaker: Elder Alan Choy</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Venue: 9 Bishan Street 13</p> <p>English Speaker: Dn Low Boon Siang Dialect Speaker: Bro. Stephen Yap</p>
6.00pm	EVENING TEACHING SERVICE (GBI) @ GMC	EVENING TEACHING SERVICE (GBI) @ GMC

5 January 2020

Enter the Kingdom of God!

Prabhudas Koshy

At His first coming, our Saviour and King, the Lord Jesus Christ, declared, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand: repent ye, and believe the gospel” (Mark 1:15).

“THE TIME IS FULFILLED”

When Christ announced, concerning the kingdom of God, that “the time is fulfilled”, He was announcing that His first coming was a pivotal point in God’s sovereign, regal plan of salvation for those who would come to Him with the burden, guilt and misery of their sins. Christ was the anointed King (the Messiah) whom God the Father has sent to open the door of salvation that leads to His eternal kingdom. The King has arrived and the Gospel He proclaimed is His royal pronouncement for all those who desire full and glorious redemption of their souls!

No one needs to wonder any more: “How shall I be saved?” The Jews were waiting in eagerness for the One whom God has promised through the Old Testament prophets. The apostle Peter wrote about the anticipation

of the believing Jews of the Old Testament – “Of which salvation the prophets have enquired and searched diligently, who prophesied of the grace that should come unto you: Searching what, or what manner of time the Spirit of Christ which was in them did signify, when it testified beforehand the sufferings of Christ, and the glory that should follow” (1 Peter 1:10-11). This earnest anticipation of the ancient believers of Israel was truly fulfilled when Jesus came to die for sinners. One of such men who was “waiting for the consolation of Israel” was the old saint Simeon. He said, taking the baby Jesus in his hands, “Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, according to thy word: For mine eyes have seen thy salvation, which thou hast prepared before the face of all people; a light to lighten the Gentiles, and the glory of thy people Israel” (Luke 2:29-32). As Simeon so powerfully and eloquently articulated, Jesus, the Holy Child, has come to bring salvation to not only Israel, but also the Gentiles.

Jesus' entrance into this world was a great epoch ushered in by the sovereign God. It was perfectly according to God's timetable that Jesus, the Lord, came to this world. Concerning Christ's coming to this earth, the apostle Paul wrote: "But when the fulness of the time was come, God sent forth his Son, made of a woman, made under the law, to redeem them that were under the law, that we might receive the adoption of sons" (Galatians 4:4-5). The hour for which the world had long been waiting had come – and it was the most significant moment in earth's history.

"THE KINGDOM OF GOD IS AT HAND"

The Messiah – the Anointed One of God – has come with the royal pardon. The King has opened the door of His eternal kingdom, proclaiming, "the kingdom of God is at hand". All things needful for our entrance and enjoyment of His kingdom have been abundantly provided by that great Redeemer-King. God's Old Testament promises that He would send the Messiah and His kingdom of salvation had arrived. He had come to pay in full the penalty for sin and thus to provide salvation for all the elect – from the beginning of history to the end.

Those who recognised Him, as He rode into Jerusalem on a donkey, shouted with joy, "Hosanna to the Son of David: Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord; Hosanna in the highest" (Matthew 21:9b).

The gospel-writer John, in reporting this event, wrote that they "took branches of palm trees, and went forth to meet him, and cried, Hosanna: Blessed is the King of Israel that cometh in the name of the Lord" (John 12:13). "Hosanna" is an exclamatory Hebrew word, which means "Save now!"

Jesus the King came to deliver His people from the tyranny of Satan and sin, and then to usher them into His kingdom. The message was unmistakable: the kingdom of God is at hand. Essentially, Jesus was saying, "I am the King, and wherever I am, My kingdom is present."

The kingdom that Jesus proclaimed has three major dimensions: (i) a spiritual kingdom, (ii) a millennial kingdom, and (iii) an eternal kingdom. In His first coming, Christ the King preached the good news of salvation so that He may establish His spiritual kingdom in the hearts of all who believe (cf. Luke 17:21). Today, His reign is invisible and spiritual in the hearts of all who yield to Him in faith. Christ's kingdom is being advanced even now, as sinners come to saving faith in Him and are transferred out of the domain of darkness into the realm ruled by the Son of God (cf. Colossians 1:13). To follow Christ the King is to seek His kingdom and His righteousness (cf. Matthew 6:33). Such is the spiritual and invisible nature of His present kingdom.

In the present, the kingdom consists of all who embrace Jesus Christ as their Lord and Saviour. The

King rules over and is resident in the hearts of those who belong to Him. His kingdom advances itself through every soul that yields to Him in repentance and faith. It will continue until He returns to establish His earthly reign, followed by His eternal reign.

But soon one day, His kingdom will be manifest as a physical kingdom when the Lord Jesus shall return to this earth to reign from Jerusalem for a thousand years (Revelation 20:1-6). At His second coming, the Lord Jesus shall reign visibly as King of kings and Lord of Lords on the earth. Jesus Christ will reign over the entire world as the Supreme King. During that millennial reign of Christ, all the Old Testament predictions concerning His earthly reign will be fulfilled. After the millennial kingdom, Christ will bring forth the new heaven and the new earth, His final eternal kingdom (cf. Revelation 22:1-5).

“REPENT YE, AND BELIEVE THE GOSPEL”

Christ, the Redeemer-King, also proclaimed how one could enter His kingdom. He proclaims that all who repent and believe in the Gospel can enter and enjoy His kingdom. The word “repent” (Greek - *metanoēō*) means to turn away from sin and walk towards the righteous King. Having turned from their sins, sinners must believe in the Gospel. In other words, they must turn in faith to the Lord Jesus Christ, trusting in Him and His finished work of redemption on the cross for

deliverance from the tyranny of sin and its curse. As Paul explained in Romans 10:9, “That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved.”

Those who enter His kingdom shall walk daily in absolute faith. Their faith makes them genuine worshippers and followers of Christ the King. Their desire and prayer will always be: “Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth.” That kind of belief is not a pretentious faith, but a wholehearted commitment to the Person and purposes of Jesus Christ.

Dear reader, have you entered the kingdom of Christ? If you have not, don’t delay any further. Right now, it is near you for Christ the King commands that you repent and believe on Him. If you don’t repent but live self-righteously like the Pharisees and priests who rejected Him, Jesus says, “Verily I say unto you, That the publicans and the harlots go into the kingdom of God before you” (Matthew 21:31b). Jesus’ point was clear: claims to religion do not qualify a person to enter the kingdom, but repentance – indeed, even gross sin, when repented of, will not keep a person out of His kingdom! So, repent at once and believe on Christ, and you will have full access to His kingdom blessings. ❀

Junior Worshipper's Page

The Everlasting Kingdom of God

*“Thy kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and thy dominion endureth throughout all generations.”
(Psalm 145:13)*

The new year 2020 is unknown to us. We have no idea what life will be like in the coming weeks and months of this year. There may be many happy occasions, but there will also be many occasions of difficulties and troubles. We may be unsure and feel powerless to handle the issues of our lives.

However, our God has all things under His dominion. Nothing will surprise or frustrate Him because He knows all things and rules over all things! Nothing will weaken or prevent Him from bringing all His good purposes to pass. His dominion endures! His kingdom is everlasting!

Many had attempted to defy and deny God's greatness and His purposes. Without exception, they all perished like the grass of the field. Generations of men come and go, and none endures forever on this earth. Every man, even in all his greatness, is just like a gasp of breath. Look at all the graves of mighty kings, wealthy men and renowned personalities. They all perished – and together with them, their empires too!

On the contrary, God's infinite greatness guarantees the permanence of His kingdom. Our God is eternal, and so shall be His kingdom. Therefore, dear children, the new year opens before us the wonders of God's great power and reign. Let us serve the Lord Jesus Christ, the One who reigns supreme forever, being the King of kings. As we begin a new year, let us rejoice that we can have the goodness of our eternal God, who extends His gracious reign to every generation on this earth.



Prabhudas Koshy

COLLECTIONS

LORD'S DAY on 29th December 2019

Tithes: 2,995.00

Offerings: 14,736.00

GBWL: 1,060.00

Designated Gifts: General Fund 50.00; 50.00; BWMM 50.00; TGCM 10.00; Rev. Ephrem 100.00; Pr Engida 50.00; Dn Imane 50.00; Matthew Peh 100.00; Joey Lim 100.00; Sharon dela Cruz 1,000.00; Gladys Ratnam 1,000.00; David Ng 100.00; Pastor Koshy 500.00

WATCHNIGHT SERVICE

General Fund: 6,552.00

GBWL: 500.00

Designated Gifts: Pr Samson Hutagalung 100.00; Pastor Koshy 500.00

Non-Sunday Love Gifts

Designated Gifts: Rev. Kendagor 100.00; BWMM 200.00

FOR NON-SUNDAY GIFTS TO THE CHURCH

PayLah! / Paynow



PASTORAL VISITATION BEDOK NORTH REGION

Date & Time: Fri, 10 Jan 2020, 8.00pm

Venue: Home of Mr & Mrs Robert Ooi
Blk 107, Bedok North Road, #10-2252
Singapore 460107

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Topic: Book Study of Judges

Speaker: Pastor Prabhudas Koshy

Chairman: Bro. Andrew Teong

Date & Time: Sat, 11 Jan 2020, 4.00pm

Venue: Gethsemane Media Centre
A concurrent, separate programme will be catered for children aged 4-12.

YOUNG ADULTS' FELLOWSHIP

Topic: Anniversary Message from the Book of Ephesians

Speaker: Pastor Prabhudas Koshy

Chairperson: Dn Low Boon Siang

Date & Time: Fri, 17 Jan 2020, 7.30pm

Venue: Home of Pastor & Mrs Koshy
Blk 826, Tampines Street 81, #02-92,
Singapore 520826

LADIES' FELLOWSHIP

Topic: Maintaining an Intimate Communion with God

Speaker: Pastor Prabhudas Koshy

Chairperson: Sis. Annie Ho

Date & Time: Sat, 18 Jan 2020, 4.00pm

Venue: Gethsemane Media Centre

A concurrent, separate programme will be catered for children aged 4-12.

YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

Topic: Book Study of Proverbs

Speaker: Pr Jeremiah Sim

Chairperson: Bro. Amoz Choy

Date & Time: Sat, 18 Jan 2020, 4.00pm

Venue: Gethsemane Media Centre

HOLY COMMUNION

Holy Communion will be held on the first Sunday of the month for the 11.00am English Service and Chinese Service. It will be held on the second Sunday of the month for the 8.30am English Service.

PRE-MARITAL COUNSELLING

Young adults who are intending to get married this year, please see Bro. Norefel to receive and fill in the questionnaire for the purpose of pre-marital counselling.

MISSION PANGASINAN 2020

Dates: 22nd to 26th April 2020 (Wed to Sun)

Brethren who are spiritually prepared and led of the Lord to serve in the short-term mission to Pangasinan are asked to contact Elder Mah or Bro. David Tan before next Sunday, 12 January 2020. 15 brethren have signed up to-date.

18TH BIBLE WITNESS BIBLE STUDY RETREAT

Dates: 18th-20th March 2020 (Wednesday – Friday)

Theme: “Church—A People in Prayer (Part III)”

Speaker: Pastor Prabhudas Koshy

Venue: Hotel Jen Puteri Harbour, Johor

Please mark out these dates if you wish to attend the retreat. More information will be made available in the coming weeks.

MISSIONARY CONFERENCE 2020

Dates: 8th to 12th June 2020 (Monday – Friday)

Please take note of the dates for the Missionary Conference this year and apply for leave early. More information will be made available in due course.

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

Tuesday Night Bible Study & Prayer
8.00pm @ L5 Auditorium, SingPost Centre

Thursday Seniors' Ministry
11.00am (Please contact Pr Jeremiah Sim)

Campus Bible Study
NAFA-Lasalle: On Break
SUTD: On Break

Saturday Church Choir Practice
2.00pm @ Gethsemane Media Centre

Sunday Children's Choir Practice
9.30am @ L6 Powder Room, Singpost Centre

Sunday Lions Home Ministry
Please contact Pr Jeremiah Sim

Sunday Teaching Service (GBI)
6.00pm @ Gethsemane Media Centre

PRAISE & PRAYER ITEMS

Please send your praise and prayer items for publication in the church prayer list to

Bro. Norefel at norefelgbwl@gmail.com

latest by 10.00am every Tuesday.

Time & Place of Worship:
11.00am

Singapore Post Centre,
Level 5 Auditorium,
10 Eunos Road 8,
Singapore 408600
(next to Paya Lebar MRT Station)

Prayer Hotline:
8138 8139
SMS or WhatsApp
your prayer item

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Deacon Low Boon Siang